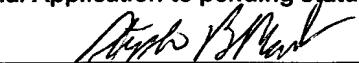
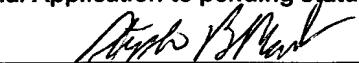
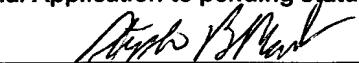
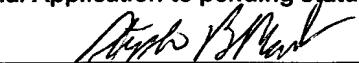
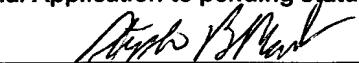
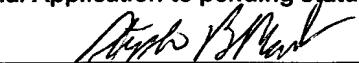


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INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2004/019767		INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 12/24/2004
		PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 12/25/2003
TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD OF IMPROVING SUITABILITY FOR GRANULATION		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US Yusuke MURAKAWA et al.		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
1. <input type="checkbox"/>	This is a FIRST submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.	
2. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	This is a SECOND or SUBSEQUENT submission of items concerning a filing under 35 U.S.C. 371.	
3. <input type="checkbox"/>	This is an express request to begin national examination procedures (35 U.S.C. 371(f)). The submission must include items (5), (6), (9) and (21) indicated below.	
4. <input type="checkbox"/>	The US has been elected (Article 31).	
5. <input type="checkbox"/>	A copy of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto (required only if not communicated by the International Bureau). <input type="checkbox"/> has been communicated by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> is not required, as the application was filed in the United States Receiving Office (RO/US)	
6. <input type="checkbox"/>	An English language translation of the International Application as filed (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(2)) <input type="checkbox"/> is attached hereto. <input type="checkbox"/> has been previously submitted under 35 U.S.C. 154(d)(4).	
7. <input type="checkbox"/>	Amendments to the claims of the International Application under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)) <input type="checkbox"/> are attached hereto (required only if not transmitted by the International Bureau). <input type="checkbox"/> have been communicated by the International Bureau. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made; however, the time limit for making such amendments has NOT expired. <input type="checkbox"/> have not been made and will not be made.	
8. <input type="checkbox"/>	An English language translation of the amendments to the claims under PCT Article 19 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(3)).	
9. <input type="checkbox"/>	An oath or declaration of the inventor(s) (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(4)).	
10. <input type="checkbox"/>	An English language translation of the annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report under PCT Article 36 (35 U.S.C. 371(c)(5)).	
Items 11 to 20 below concern other document(s) or information included:		
11. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	An Information Disclosure Statement under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.	
12. <input type="checkbox"/>	An assignment document for recording. A separate cover sheet in compliance with 37 CFR 3.28 and 3.31 is included.	
13. <input type="checkbox"/>	A preliminary amendment.	
14. <input type="checkbox"/>	An Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76.	
15. <input type="checkbox"/>	A substitute specification.	
16. <input type="checkbox"/>	A power of attorney and/or change of address letter.	
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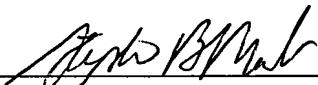
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